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1. TODAY'S PRESS BANNERS (A) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ARAB CAPITALS; (B) MRS. MEIR'S RETURN TO ISRAEL; (C) SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM'S STATEMENT ON DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS; (D) INTER-ARAB BISITS AND POSSIBLE SUMMIT CONFERENCE; (E) TENSION ON CANAL FRONT.

2. PAPER'S PAST OPTIMISM ON AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IS LARGELY REPLACED BY SKEPTICISM GROUNDED IN (A) INTRINSIC DIFFICULTY OF SECRETARY'S MISSION; (B) CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF CLOSE ISRAELI-AMERICAN RELATIONS; (C) TENSION ON CANAL FRONT; (D) REPERCUSSIONS OF WATERGATE AFFAIR. PRO-WEST AL-AMAL BANNERS: "KISSINGER BEGINS MISSION IMPOSSIBLE IN AREA". PRO-CAIRO AL-ANWAR HEADS LEAD EDITORIAL: "THE AMERICAN PROFESSOR AND HIS MISSION IMPOSSIBLE". PRO-CAMMANDO AL-LIWA BANNERS: "EGYPTIAN WARNING TO KISSINGER: FIGHTING WILL RESUME IF ISRAEL DOES NOT WITHDRAW".

3. SECRETARY'S VISIT TO CAIRO ENGENDERS MUCH COMMENT. FOR PRO-WEST AL-HAYAT, ITS SUCCESS OR FAILURE DEPENDS ON DISPOSITION OF ISSUE OF THIRD ARMY. FOR INDEPENDENT FRENCH

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AS-SAFA, IT DEPENDS ON OUTCOME OF U.S.

PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW TO OCT. 22 LINES. FOR LEADING INDEPENDENT ARABIC AN-NAHAR, IT DEPENDS ON NATURE OF PEACE PLAN SECRETARY IS ASSUMED TO HAVE FORMULATED. PRO-CAIRO AL-ANWAR EVEN OUTLINES A KISSINGER PEACE PLAN: (A) DEMILITARIZATION OF SINAI WITH INTERNATIONAL FORCES AT SHARM ASH-SHAYKH; (B) PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION IN GAZA; (C) FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION FOR ALL NATIONS, INCLUDING ISRAEL, THROUGH CANAL AND ELSEWHERE; (D) CONTINUED ISRAELI CONTROL OF A UNITED JERUSALEM; (E) CREATION OF INDEPENDENT BUT DEMILITARIZED STATE OF WEST BANK (AND GAZA, IF ITS PEOPLE SO CHOOSE) AFTER MAJOR BORDER ADJUSTMENTS; (F) RETURN TO SYRIA AND DEMILITARIZATION OF GOLAN HEIGHTS WITH INTERNATIONAL FORCES STATIONED AT VARIOUS POINTS.

4. PRESS ADOPTS NO CLEAR LINE IN EVALUATING MRS. MEIR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. SOME PAPERS, MOSTLY PRO-WEST AND INDEPENDENT, EMPHASIZE ISRAELI-AMERICAN DIFFERENCES, WHILE OTHERS EMPHASIZE CONTINUED ISRAELI-AMERICAN AGREEMENT. AL-HAYAT BANNERS: "NIXON PRESSURE MEIR INTO ISSUING PLEDGE TO WITHDRAW". AL-AMAL BANNERS: "MEIR CONFIRMS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITH AMERICA. IMPORTANT DECISIONS BEING TAKEN IN TEL AVIV". PRO-WEST NIDA AL-WATAN BANNERS: "INFORMED CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON SHED LIGHT ON NIXON-MEIR TALKS. ISRAEL REJECTS AMERICAN PROPOSALS". LEFTIST PAPERS GENERALLY DOWNPLAY NEWS. HOWEVER, COMMUNIST AN-NIDA BANNERS: "MEIR: AMERICAN CONFIRMED ITS IMMUTABLE FRIENDSHIP TO US".

5. PRESS HIGHLIGHTS SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM'S STATEMENT THAT BOTH EGYPT AND SYRIA REJECT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS, AS WELL AS REPORTING VARIOUS INTER-ARAB MOVES TOWARDS CONVENING A SUMMIT CONFERENCE. ON LATTER POINT, HOWEVER, PAPERS ARE SPLIT AS TO CAIRO'S ATTITUDE. AN-NAHAR BANNERS: "QUASI-UNANIMITY ON ARAB SUMMIT TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK IN ALGIERS. AGENDA: AMERICA'S ATTITUDE, PEACE CONFERENCE, PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION". ON OTHER HAND, LEADING INDEPENDENT FRENCH L'ORIENT-LE JOUR BACKPAGES AN AFP REPORT THAT PRESIDENT SADAT DOES NOT FAVOR CONVENING A SUMMIT.

6. PERHAPS TAKING CUE FROM CAIRO MEDIA, PRESS PLAYS UP TENSENESS OF MILITARY SITUATION ON CANAL FRONT. L'ORIENT-UNCLASSIFIED

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LE JOUR BANNERS: "EXTREME TENSION ON CANAL FRONT". AL-ANWAR BANNERS: "POPULAR RESISTANCE MOVES IN SUEZ". THAT ARAB DEMANDS ARE SERIOUS AND THAT ARAB WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT IS STRONG ARE POPULAR COROLLARIES TO THESE STORIES. BUFFUM

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